lands. The extent so affected was not so large as 500 acres. The failure of monsoon this year had also its share in the destruction of the crops that occurred.

" (c) The amounts annually spent are—

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1947–48	4,594
1948–49	8,533
1949–50	3,053
1950–51	1,962
1951–52	1,583
1952–53	1,148

" (d) Yes. The proposal is under consideration."

Sri A. APPU :—" May I know, Sir, in what stage the proposal now is and has an estimate been prepared? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" There was a proposal for an estimated cost of Rs. 3 lakhs; but as it was expected that it would benefit only an extent of 170 acres, that proposal was dropped. The Chief Engineer has, however, reported that the possibilities of opening a regulator bridge proposed to be constructed by the Highways department across the river will be examined when the proposals of the bridge take a definite shape."

Water-supply for Parchur firka in Bapatla taluk.

* 1093 *Q.*—Sri K. VENKAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether steps are being taken to arrange water-supply for the Parchur firka in Bapatla taluk and relieve the scarcity of water in that firka; and

(b) the time that will be taken for the arrangement?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) During the year 1952–53, 4 works at Cherukur village, 2 works at Upputur village and 5 works, i.e., at (i) Gollapudi, (ii) Bhurayapalem, (iii) Parchur, (iv) Uppalapadu and (v) Annavaram villages in Parchur firka, were programmed for execution and out of these, two works at Cherukur were completed.

" (b) The remaining nine works will be completed during 1953–54."

Sri K. VENKAIAH :—" Sir, in view of the fact that representations have been made to the Government that improvements to Parchur vagu may be made so that the water may be preserved, will the Government consider the proposal? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."